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SUBJECT: STATE SECURITY TRIALS

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1. TWO STATE SECURITY COURTS HAVE BEEN SET UP TO TRY PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE FEBRUARY 2 AIRPORT INCIDENT IN JUBA AND ANTI-REGIME INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED IN JUBA MARCH 1 DURING UNITY DAY CELEBRATIONS. ACCORDING TO SUNA TOTAL 107 PERSONS WILL BE TRIED IN KHARTOUM. ORIGINALLY 144 ARRESTS WERE MADE BUT 37 INDIVIDUALS WERE RELEASED FOR LACK OF INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE. IN ADDITION TO THESE TRIALS A THIRD TRIAL OF 10 PERSONS CHARGED WITH COMPLICITY IN JULY 1976 COUP ATTEMPT ALSO HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED. END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. COMMENT: WE HAVE RECEIVED CONFLICTING REPORTS REGARDING SECRET TRIALS AND EXECUTIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN SECRET

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SOUTHERN SUDAN IN WAKE JUBA INCIDENTS. ONE REASON FOR LONG DELAY IN TRIALS APPARENTLY IS THAT SO MANY DEFENDANTS ARE SOUTHERNERS, AND SUDANGOV CONCERNED OVER TRIALS APPEARING TO BE AIMED AT SOUTHERNERS GENERALLY. SUDANGOV BELIEVES FOREIGNERS WERE BEHIND FEBRUARY AND MARCH INCIDENTS IN JUBA, AND THERE HAVE BEEN SOME STATEMENTS IN PRESS TO THAT EFFECT. HOWEVER, MEDIA TREATMENT HAS BEEN RELATIVELY SUBDUED

WHICH MAY INDICATE THAT HARD EVIDENCE OF FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT  
LACKING OR SIMPLY THAT DESPITE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF  
INCIDENTS, FACT THAT THEY OCCURRED IN FARAWAY JUBA LESSENS  
THEIR NEWS VALUE IN KHARTOUM.  
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